

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the above-mentioned non-final Office Action, claim 282 was rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 5,702,789 (Fernandez-Kirchberger) in view of PCT International Publication No. WO 95/34879 (Viby) and U.S. Patent 4,704,317 (Hickenbotham) and claims 143, 182-194, 196-200, 213-281, 283 and 292-403 were allowed. The allowance of these claims is acknowledged with appreciation; and these claims (except for previously cancelled claims 380-388) remain in the application.

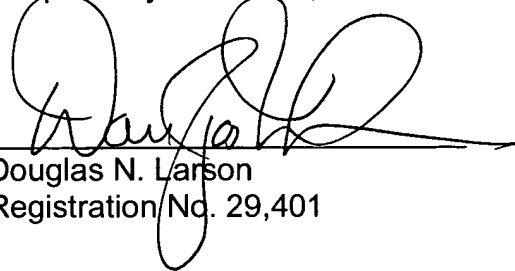
In response to the Office Action, rejected claim 282 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

As all of the claims now pending have been allowed, issuance of the Notice of Allowance is in order.

If there are any remaining issues, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the below-signed counsel for Applicants at (310) 785-5384 to seek to resolve them.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 10-0440. Should such additional fees be associated with an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,



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